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Osprey Shot – Information Sought

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Information Sought On Shooting of Osprey at Utah Lake

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources conservation officers are asking for the public's help in solving the shooting of an osprey on the south end of Utah Lake. The shooting occurred on April 11th or 12th. The osprey is a fish-eating bird of prey that migrates great distances annually and nests adjacent to bodies of water. Osprey typically mate for life. The pair of osprey had returned from their wintering grounds in South or Central America and had begun nesting in the area located west of Lincoln Beach. A prominent birder had been monitoring this pair of osprey since their arrival. They found that one of the osprey had been shot and reported it to the DWR.

The shooter could be charged with Wanton Destruction of Protected Wildlife and face confiscation of equipment used in the crime, fines & restitution and possible jail time. A monetary reward is possible for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person (s) involved with this crime. To provide information on this crime or any other wildlife crime, call the UTiP Hotline at 1-800-662-3337.

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Osprey shot and left along roadside



An osprey feeds its young at Flaming Gorge Reservoir. Photo by Ron Stewart, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources on 11-14-06

